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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board
From: CMAP Staff
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Re: Legislative Update

Last week an Illinois appeals court struck down the 2009 capital bill. Governor Quinn is filing an appeal, seeking an immediate stay from the Illinois Supreme Court. We have consulted officials at the Federal Highways Administration, who have indicated the projects in the region's short-term Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and long-term transportation plan (GO TO 2040) can continue to move forward during the appeals process. That being said, the GO TO 2040 comprehensive regional plan ([page 255](#)) points out the need to reexamine how Illinois has traditionally funded capital improvements. It would make more sense to raise adequate revenues on a continual basis, rather than to rely on the state legislature for "boom or bust" fixes. This week's ruling is a harsh reminder that Illinois and our region need to consider carefully how we fund capital improvements. We will keep you posted as the appeal process proceeds.

Below are list of current bills CMAP is tracking and new members serving in the 97th Session of the Illinois General Assembly.

BILL REPORT (**Indicates similar bill was filed in a previous session.*)

The 97th General Assembly was seated on January 12 and had several perfunctory sessions prior to beginning their regular schedule on February 1. CMAP reviewed 663 bills introduced through January 30, selecting the following for addition to our database of bills to be monitored throughout the session. More bills will be added to this list as the session unfolds.

Transportation:

*[HB 22](#) – Sacia (R-Freeport) – Removes the 55-foot limit for tractor-trailer combinations.

Referred to House Rules Committee 1/12/2011.

[HB 228](#) – Franks (D-Woodstock) – Provides that the Chairman and Directors of the Tollway Authority shall receive no compensation or benefits for serving in their office. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/21/2011.

*[HB 267](#) – Franks (D-Woodstock) – Allows counties to opt out of paying RTA taxes. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/28/2011.

[HB 285](#) – Flowers (D-Chicago) – Requires all motorcycle drivers and passengers to wear safety helmets. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/28/2011.

[HJR 2](#) – Ford (D-Chicago) – Resolves that IDOT study the issue of leasing naming rights for oases of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and to make a report no later than one year after the adoption of the resolution. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/13/2011.

[HR 30](#) – Dunkin (D-Chicago) – Creates a commission to recommend the best procedure and structure for consolidating RTA mass transit services. Filed with clerk 1/28/2011.

[SB 26](#) – Duffy (R-Barrington) – Prohibits municipalities' and counties' use of red light cameras to ticket motorists who fail to stop prior to making right turns. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011.

[SB 52](#) – Silverstein (D-Chicago) – Prohibits court supervision as a sentencing option for drivers found guilty of speeding near schools or parks. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011.

[SB 55](#) – Silverstein (D-Chicago) – Requires all bicyclists under age 16 to wear a safety helmet and all passengers under 40 pounds to both wear a helmet and ride in a safety seat. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011.

[SB 70](#) – Silverstein (D-Chicago) – Requires all school buses purchased after July 1, 2012 to have seat belts for each passenger. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011.

[SB 143](#) – Sandoval (D-Chicago) – Requires 30% of all monies deposited into the State Road Fund to be used for projects in Cook County. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011.

*[SB 146](#) – Steans (D-Chicago) – Grants IDOT and ISTHA the power to develop, finance and operate transportation projects through public-private agreements with one or more private entities. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011. *SUPPORTS GO TO 2040.*

Land Use:

*[HB 28](#) – Lang (D-Skokie) – Allows municipalities to establish a green energy special service area to fund energy efficiency improvements or renewable energy improvements. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/12/2011. *SUPPORTS GO TO 2040.*

[HB 101](#) – Ford (D-Chicago) – Requires all homeowners' insurance policies to include flood insurance unless the homeowner waives it in writing. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/12/2011.

[HB 269](#) – Franks (D-Woodstock) – Requires 51 percent of residents in any existing or proposed special service area to approve expanding, creating or taxing within the area. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/28/2011.

*[SB 16](#) – Collins (D-Chicago) – Creates the Foreclosure Prevention Counseling Fund and provides that 75% of the moneys in the fund be used for housing counseling outside Chicago and 25% be used for counseling in Chicago. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011.

[SB 38](#) – Garrett (D-Highwood) – Requires the Department of Public Health to adopt and publish a minimum code of standards for rainwater harvesting collection systems and rainwater harvesting distribution systems by January 1, 2012. Licensed Activities Committee hearing Feb. 2 at 1:30 p.m., Capitol 409, Springfield. *SUPPORTS GO TO 2040.*

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[SB 100](#) – Haine (D-Alton) – Makes numerous changes to EPA water testing requirements and establishes penalties for those who pollute waterways. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011.

Economic Development:

[HB 166](#) – Winters (R-Rockford) – Requires all state universities to offer uniform “green jobs” degree and certificate programs. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/18/2011.

[HB 212](#) – Jones (D-Calumet City) – Allows disadvantaged communities with a common border to establish a business corridor between them using property and sales tax breaks to sustain the corridor. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/21/2011.

[SB 10](#) – Frerichs (D-Champaign) – Creates the Emerging Technology Industries Act and provides grant funds and tax incentives to industries engaging in emerging technologies. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011. *SUPPORTS GO TO 2040.*

Efficient Governance:

[HB 111](#) – Unes (R-Pekin) – Requires PAYGO budgeting, whereby no additional spending would be allowed on any program unless corresponding decreases in spending can be identified in other programs. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/12/2011.

[HB 197](#) – Cross (R-Plainfield) – Creates and empowers a Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform that will help the state reduce spending and balance the budget. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/18/2011.

[HB 268](#) – Franks (D-Woodstock) – Creates a commission to consider consolidation of local units of government. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/28/2011.

[SB 37](#) – Duffy (R-Barrington) – Requires all governmental entities to post all public records on their websites. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011.

[SB 42](#) – Garrett (D-Highwood) – Requires county boards to create a uniform application process for all appointed county positions and make information about the process and the positions available to the public. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011.

[SB 43](#) – Garrett (D-Highwood) – Requires the state to create a searchable online database showing all tax rates throughout the state. Revenue Committee hearing Feb. 2 at 1:30 p.m., Capitol 400, Springfield.

Pensions:

[HB 146](#) – Franks (D-Woodstock) – Caps salary limits for all state and municipal pension plans at \$106,800. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/18/2011.

[HJR CA 5](#) – Madigan (D-Chicago) – Requires super-majority votes of legislative bodies before any individual’s pension can be increased. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/18/2011.

[SB 36](#) – Murphy (R-Palatine) – Limits increases in state spending to the rate of inflation, requiring a super-majority vote to go past that limit. Also provides emergency taxation powers if the limit is exceeded, and requires a paydown of outstanding pension debt. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011.

[SB 105](#) – Lauzen (R-Aurora) – Requires current and new state employees to choose a retirement package from available options. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011.

Taxes:

[HB 175](#) – Connelly (R-Naperville) – Repeals the income tax increase passed during the 96th General Assembly. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/18/2011.

[HB 213](#) – Mathias (R-Arlington Heights) – Restores funding to the Local Government Distributive Fund if the state goes over the spending caps imposed by the recent income tax hike. Referred to House Rules Committee 1/21/2011.

[SB 2](#) – Delgado (D-Chicago) – Eliminates the income tax credit for paying property taxes, replacing it with a rebate from a Property Tax Rebate Fund that would receive \$64 million per month from the General Revenue Fund. Referred to Senate Revenue Committee 1/27/2011.

[SB 78](#) – Murphy (R-Palatine) – Repeals the income tax increase passed during the 96th General Assembly. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011.

[SB 134](#) – Sandoval (D-Chicago) – Requires the state to transfer each month from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Distributive Fund an amount equal to 1/10 of the income tax proceeds collected during the previous month. Referred to Senate Assignments Committee 1/27/2011.

Illinois Senate

- John Mulroe, D-Chicago (10th Senate District – formally DeLeo’s seat)
- Suzi Schmidt, R-Lake Villa (31st Senate District – formally Bond’s seat)
- Sam McCann, R-Carlinville (49th Senate District – formally Demuzio’s seat)
- Ron Sandack, R-Downers Grove (21st Senate District – formally Cronin’s seat)
- Sue Rezin, R-Morris (38th Senate District – formally Dahl’s seat)
- Tom Johnson, R-West Chicago (48th Senate District – formally Hultgren’s seat)

House Members

- Art Turner Jr., D-Chicago (9th District – formally Turner Sr.’s seat)
- Ann Williams, D-Chicago (11th District – formally Fritchey’s seat)
- Daniel Biss, D-Evanston (17th District – formally Coulson’s seat)
- Robyn Gabel, D-Evanston (18th District – formally Hamos’ seat)
- Thaddeus Jones, D-Calumet City (29th District – formally Miller’s seat)
- Bill Cunningham, D-Beverly (35th District – formally Joyce’s seat)
- Kelly Burke, D-Evergreen Park (36th District – formally Brosnahan’s seat)
- Chris Nybo, R-Elmhurst (41st District – formally Biggins’ seat)
- Tom Morrison, R-Palatine (54th District – formally Bassi’s seat)
- Michelle Mussman, D-Schaumburg (56th District – formally Froehlich’s seat)
- Carol Sente, D-Vernon Hills (59th District – formally Ryg’s seat)
- Rita Mayfield, D-Waukegan (60th District – formally Washington’s seat)
- David Harris, R-Arlington Heights (66th District – formally Walker’s seat)
- Joe Sosnowski, R-Rockford (69th District – formally Wait’s seat)
- Rich Morthland, R-Rock Island (71st District – formally Boland’s seat)
- Pam Roth, R-Morris (75th District – formally Gordon’s seat)
- Camille Lilly, D-Chicago (78th District – formally Graham’s seat)
- Michael Unes, R-East Peoria (91st District – formally Smith’s seat)

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- Wayne Rosenthal, R-Litchfield (98th District – formally Hannig’s seat)
- Adam Brown, R-Decatur City (101st District – formally Flider’s seat)
- Chad Hays, R-Catlin (104th District – formally Black’s seat)
- Jason Barickman, R-Champaign (105th District – formally Cultra’s seat)
- Dwight Kay, R- Collinsville (112th District – formally Hoffman’s seat)
- Norine Hammond, R- Macomb (94th District – formally Myer’s seat)

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

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